in the Brahmaputra valley of Assam including extortions, physical injuries and murders. They have also been extorting money from businessmen. These activities have created panic among the businessmen of these States. The State Governments have been advised to take necessary steps in the regard and increase vigil. Para-military forces have been provided to these States.

Shift in terrorist outfits strategy

152. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that terrorist outfits have shifted their activities to metropolitan cities where they can safely hit at soft target; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to check their activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) There is no confirmed information in this regard. The Central Government is however, keeping a close watch on the situation in close cooperation with the state governments.

Acquisition of land for Indore By-Pass

153. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI SUSHIL BARONGPA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an amount of Rs 2.45 crores was sanctioned for acquisition of land for Indore Bypass in April, 1987;

(b) if so, at what stage the land acquisition proceedings are pending and what amount has so far been spent for the aforesaid;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that Agra-Bombay National Highway passes through the congested and thickly populated localities of Indore town and almost every day fatal and serious accident occur on this road and therefore it is imperative that the aforesaid work gets expeditiously completed; and

(d) whether Government are likely to fix any time schedule for the completion of the above work?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The entire land has been acquired and about Rs. 1 crore has been disbursed so far.

(c) & (d) The need to construct a byepass around Indore has been accepted having regard to present density and other characteristics of traffic. The project of construction of the by-pass has been posed to the World Bank for financial assistance along with other projects. As the World Bank has not yet taken a final view in the matter, it is too early to fix any time schedule for the completion of the byepass.

Assistance to certain States for tackling naxalites activities

154. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI SUSHIL BARONGPA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are providing any special financial and other assistance to the State Governments for tackling the increasing naxalities activities in Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra and also for coordinating the efforts of the States, as was recently demanded by a Chief Minister;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what new initiatives and action are being taken by Government for solving this problem which has spread in the tribal areas of those States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a)